

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 2018-219-C - ORDER NO. 2018-497

AUGUST 1, 2018

IN RE: Petition of BellSouth Telecommunications,)	ORDER REVERSING
LLC d/b/a AT&T South Carolina Requesting)	NANPA IN THE
the Commission's Intervention in Numbering)	CHARLESTON RATE
Resources Determinations in the Charleston)	CENTER
Rate Center - Medical University of South)	
Carolina ("MUSC"))	

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (“Commission”) on the Petition of BellSouth Telecommunications, LLC d/b/a AT&T South Carolina (“AT&T” or “Company”) for waiver of the North American Numbering Plan Administrator (“NANPA”) and/or Neustar Pooling Administrator’s (“PA”) decision to deny the Company’s request in the 843 area code. Specifically, AT&T seeks the assignment of a thousands-blocks in the Charleston rate center in the format of 843-NX1, 843-NX3, 843-NX5, or 843-NX7 for its customer, the Medical University of South Carolina (“MUSC”). NANPA refused the request because AT&T does not meet the months to exhaust or utilization requirements of the Federal Communications Commission. 47 C.F.R. § 52.15(g)(4)(B)(iii); 47 C.F.R. § 52.15(h). However, under 47 C.F.R. § 52.15(g)(5), a “state commission... may overturn the NANPA's decision to withhold numbering resources from the carrier based on its determination that the carrier has demonstrated a verifiable need for numbering resources and has exhausted all other available remedies.”

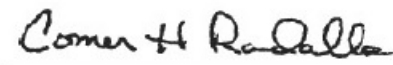
We find and conclude that the Public Service Commission of South Carolina, as the regulator of the rates and service of telecommunications companies pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 58-9-210 et seq., is the state commission mentioned above with authority to review a decision by NANPA/PA denying a request for numbering resources as allowed by 47 C.F.R. § 52.15(g)(5). Based on the information provided above, we further find and conclude that AT&T has demonstrated a verifiable need for the numbering resources. Last, since an appeal to this state Commission is the only means to affect its request, we find and conclude that AT&T has exhausted all available remedies.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

We hold that NANPA/PA is directed to approve AT&T's request in the Charleston rate center.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:


Comer H. "Randy" Randall, Chairman

ATTEST:


Jocelyn Boyd, Chief Clerk/Administrator